

Claims 20-45 and 59-74 are allowed and these are the only claims remaining in the application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and objections is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The drawings have been objected to for failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. All of the subject matter noted in the drawing rejection can be found in claims 75-80, which have been canceled herein without prejudice. Therefore, the drawing objection has been rendered moot.

The specification has been objected for failing to provide an adequate written description of the invention and for failing to present a best mode of carrying out the invention. The specific subject matter referred to in making these objections also refers to subject matter found only in claims 75-80. Therefore, the specification objection is also rendered moot.

Claims 75-80 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for failing to disclose the best mode contemplated by the inventor. Claims 75-80 have also been rejected under §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which has not been described in the specification so as to indicated the applicants had possession of the claimed invention at the time of the application. Again, claims 75-80 have been canceled herein without prejudice, thereby rendering the rejections under §112 moot.

Claims 75-77, 79, and 80 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Temple (EP 0364136 A2). This rejection has been rendered moot as well by the cancellation of claims 75-80. Similarly, claim 78 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over the Temple reference. This rejection has also been rendered moot.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, only allowed claims 20-45 and 59-74 remain pending in the application. The applicants, therefore, request early and favorable consideration of the foregoing amendments and remarks, and allowance of these claims.

The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below in order to discuss any remaining issues or matters of form that will move this case to allowance.

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